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WASHINGTON, May 29, 1985 -- Deliveries of new freight cars in April totaled 979, compared with 868 in March and 722 in April 1984, the Association of American Railroads and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Deliveries for the first four months of this year totaled 3,900, compared with 2,372 at the same time a year ago.

Orders in April came to 816, compared with 1,553 in March and 672 in April 1984. Cumulative orders for four months of 1985 totaled 3,422, compared with 6,144 a year earlier.

As of May 1, cars on order but undelivered totaled 4,466, compared with 4,629 on April 1, and 5,177 on May 1, 1984. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 4,296, compared with 6,466 a year earlier.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 38 locomotives were placed in service in April compared with 48 in March and 39 in April last year.

As of May 1, the backlog of locomotives on order and undelivered totaled 262, compared with 273 on April 1 and 249 on May 1, 1984.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on May 1 was 23,605, compared with 23,856 on April 1, and 25,264 on May 1 a year ago.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED  
AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS  
ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

|                           | <u>April</u> |             | <u>March</u> | <u>Four Months</u> |             |
|---------------------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------------|-------------|
|                           | <u>1985</u>  | <u>1984</u> | <u>1985</u>  | <u>1985</u>        | <u>1984</u> |
| Built New by Car Builders | 979          | 722         | 868          | 3,564              | 2,372       |
| Built New in R.R. Shops   | 0            | 0           | 0            | 336                | 0           |
| Built New - Total         | 979          | 722         | 868          | 3,900              | 2,372       |
| Rebuilt                   | 0            | 0           | 0            | 0                  | 0           |
| <br>TOTAL DELIVERED       | <br>979      | <br>722     | <br>868      | <br>3,900          | <br>2,372   |
| Locomotives               | 38           | 39          | 48           | 135                | 115         |

ORDERED

|                                 |         |         |           |           |           |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| To be built New by Car Builders | 816     | 672     | 1,553     | 3,422     | 6,144     |
| To be built New in R.R. Shops   | 0       | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| To be built New - Total         | 816     | 672     | 1,553     | 3,422     | 6,144     |
| To be rebuilt                   | 0       | 0       | 0         | 0         | 0         |
| <br>TOTAL ORDERED               | <br>816 | <br>672 | <br>1,553 | <br>3,422 | <br>6,144 |

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

|                                 | <u>May 1</u> |             | <u>April 1</u> | <u>Average</u> |             |
|---------------------------------|--------------|-------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|
|                                 | <u>1985</u>  | <u>1984</u> | <u>1985</u>    | <u>1985</u>    | <u>1984</u> |
| To be built New by Car Builders | 4,396        | 5,177       | 4,559          | 4,226          | 6,466       |
| To be built New in R.R. Shops   | 70           | 0           | 70             | 70             | 0           |
| To be built New - Total         | 4,466        | 5,177       | 4,629          | 4,296          | 6,466       |
| To be rebuilt                   | 0            | 0           | 0              | 0              | 0           |
| <br>TOTAL ON ORDER              | <br>4,466    | <br>5,177   | <br>4,629      | <br>4,296      | <br>6,466   |
| Locomotives                     | 262          | 249         | 273            | 256            | 127         |

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

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